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Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians

CONSTITUTION

PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY PARLIAMENTARIANS

The Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP) was formed on August 5, 2002 and is registered with the Election Commission of Pakistan.

Article 1 AIMS

Its aim is to build a society in conformity with the principles, politics and philosophy of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Quaid-e-Awam Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Shaheed and Quiad-e-Jamhooriyat Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed. For this purpose, the PPPP is an association of citizens seeking to influence public opinion by participating in elections to the national and provincial legislatures to fulfill its aims and objectives

The PPP Parliamentarians will seek the support of the pro democracy forces and *awam dost* forces in the country as well as the Pakistan Peoples Party to contest the forthcoming elections with a view to restore rule of law, democracy, fundamental human rights as well as the seek the economic emancipation of the people

The PPP Parliamentarians will establish National, provincial and district bodies

Name: The association takes the name of Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP).

Article-2: ELEGILIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person who supports aims of the PPP Parliamentarians to build a society in conformity with the principles, politics and philosophy of Quaid e Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Quaid e Awam Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Shaheed and Quiad e Jamhooriyat Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto and desirous of contesting the October 2002 elections and subsequent general and bye-elections on PPP Parliamentarians ticket with a view to promote its aims is eligible for membership.

Each member shall pay an annual fee upon joining and in any event not later than two months. Elected members will pay an annual fee as determined in the Parliamentary Group which is elected to the various legislatures. This fee will be collected by the Finance Secretary and/or officers designated from time to time by the President.

Each member will accept the decisions of the PPPP in a disciplined fashion even when the view may be contrary to their own opinion including differences relating to suspension and expulsion. To defy the decision of the Party is violation of the conditions of membership. Members committing indiscipline seize to be members.

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Article-3: Termination of Membership by PPP Parliamentarians

Those violating the conditions for eligibility of the PPP Parliamentarians will seize to be members of the PPP Parliamentarians. Members are urged to reconcile their differences.

Dispute Between a Member and the PPPP.

A member is free to give their opinion in the PPPP forum remembering that differences in opinion are a matter of democratic free will subject to subordination to the framework of the Party. Political parties are associations of people for a particular aim. When a dispute arises between a member of the PPPP and the PPPP, including differences relating to suspension and expulsion, the member shall cease to be a member of the PPPP in the over all interest of the PPPP

Dispute between Member and Member

Efforts will be made to reconcile members by the office bearers. The President may establish a committee to bring about such reconciliation. The PPPP at different levels can make rules for reconciling differences from time to time including differences relating to suspension and expulsion.

Organization of PPP Parliamentarians

Article-4

There will be President, two vice Presidents, a Secretary General, one deputy Secretary Generals, Information Secretary and Finance Secretary at the Federal level. There will be a President and Secretary at the Provincial level. There will be a President and Secretary at the District level

There will be two elected members from each province, Azad Kashmir, FATA and Northern Areas. The President and Secretary of the provinces and Azad Kashmir will be ex officio members.

Constitutional Changes

Members can make changes to the Constitution as long as such changes are in conformity with the aims for which the PPPP is established.

Article-5: RESPONSIBILITIES.

a) **PRESIDENT**

The President is the administrative and organisational head of the Party in the Center and the province.

b) **VICE PRESIDENT.**

In the absence of the President, the Vice President will preside over meetings and exercise the powers of the President.

c) **GENERAL SECRETARY**

The Secretary General will record the minutes of the meetings. He will be assisted by the deputy secretary generals of the party.

d) **INFORMATION SECRETARY**

The Information Secretary will communicate the views of the PPP Parliamentarians and correct distortions.

e) **SECRETARY FINANCE**

He will open the Party bank account accordingly, maintain the accounts and collect fees from the members of the executive and council. Each member of the Central, Provincial and District Committees will pay an annual fee of Rs. 12,000/ except in case of exemption, failing which he will lose his membership.

f) **EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

The Executive Member shall assist the President in the administration of the province in consultation with the council

Article-6 COUNCIL.

Council will debate the political situation and liaise with the pro democracy and pro-awam forces.

Article-7 ELECTION PROCEDURE

The Rules under which the Party Elections are to be held will be prescribed from time to time by the Party.

Article 8 ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The Electoral college for the election will comprise the members who subscribe to the aims of the Parliamentarians namely to build a society in conformity with the principles, politics and philosophy of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Quaid-e-Awam Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Shaheed and Quiad-e-Jamhooriyat Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed.

Procedure for Party Elections:

There will be elections to the offices of the PPPP every Four years or as determined by the Federal Organization. All members in good standing and discipline who subscribe to the aims of the PPPP will be eligible to contest for the offices of the PPPP. All members in good standing and discipline who subscribe to the aims of the PPPP will be eligible to vote for the offices of the PPPP. Voter list will comprise of members in the particular geographic area being voted in that is Federal, Provincial or District.

Procedure for Legislative Elections:

Members with an active record to promote the aims of the PPPP as enunciated in Article 1 and in good standing will be eligible for consideration to contest the elections subject to

i. their credibility as a candidate that can win an election;
ii. their public record since 1997 in supporting the principles of the Quaid e Azam, Quaid e Awam and Quaid e Jamhooriyat.
iii. their undertaking to remain loyal members and resist horse trading.

Article-9: OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS

a) All members shall uphold the constitution of the Party.
b) All members will respect the inspirational figures of the PPPP always acting in a parliamentary manner.
c) No member shall use or exploit the PPPP or its offices for his personal gains or benefits.
d) A member can stand for office and vote subject to clearing dues and qualifying under aims of the Party.